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Dear Howard,

Your letter of the 25th, with enclosed carbon of your 24th to Dick, arrived today without cancellation.

Apparently I did not send you the earlier letters, over a period of many, many months. I have been trying to get them to let me see the shirt and tie or, as an alternative, to take pictures for me. Then I said how about making enlargements of pictures you do have showing just the slits in the shirt and the nick in the tie. He sent me the exhibits as published, and I responded they show nothing, how about enlargement, and he make less than 2x enalrgements, etc. I am building a record, and thay have to be crazy not to realize it. My entire correspondence is in these terms only, telling him I don't want the gore, just the evidence, and accusing them of playing games and suppressing it while freely distributing all the gore in the world.

They told me about the two pictures. They also told me they do not make copies. I'll raise that point if I want them after I see them. I just haven't been able to get there in a while. If you are certain the FBI picture shows the slits, please order a copy for me and I'll make no mention of it, which might be interesting. I do not see how they can deny any of these pictures, including FBI exhibits, which are covered by the ex order of 10/31/ 66 and are required to be both in the Archives and available.

I am disturbed that Dick has seemingly maintained a contact with Lifton, knowing what he has to know about him, more disturbed that he put you up to this at best futility, and, while I do not consider him anything but as honest as man can be, I know he wants to help eveyyone and also it sometimes becomes difficult if not impossible to keep in mind what you are not supposed to mention. Lifton has learned things he should not have and his espionage efforts are extensive and effective. I consider that Dick might accidently reveal what he is not supposed to, but no more than that. I have a gigh regard for him and he has been helpful to me.

The memo of transfer covers more than the pictures and X-rays. If I get it you can, of course, see it. I have been working on this for more than a year. It covers what was given to Evelyn Lincoln when she was working in the Archives. It also includes the clothing, etc., some of which was personal property. She did sign it on behalf of the estate (which could not possibly have owned the film). Keep me posted on what they tell you and, if they do nothing, let it wait until we wee what happens to my efforts. This is a very tickoish area and I do think we have better prospects if I can continue to try and handle this my way. I havex had the original receipts in my hand and I also have in writing the insistence they do not exist, so I have been making progress. I have done nothing to press and will not for a while yet.

I do not recall the memo on the removal of the clothing. Can you refresh my memory on that? It ca be very important, but I now forget so much!

Yours is a logical guess on where the slides, etc., are. It is my second guess because I have, in writing, from the Navy the statement they have nothing at all on this. Didn't I show you that correspondence? Let it wait until we are together again.

The AP story was originated in Baltimore, not Washington, through the effort of a local reporter here.

I do not argue the Zapruder point, but I suggest you consider the

possibility of a hit later than any of the slides. Not probability. Have we entirely eliminated the possibility? (I've not tried.)

Chest wound: I think I have not gotten through to you on what perjury is. It is not merely a lie, nor merely false swearing. It must have materiality, and that is subject to interpretation. If there is nothing connected with the crime in the surgery, I doubt there is perjury. I doubt there were wounds at the point of surgery, for too many people would have known. As you see, Perry was willing to open up to me a bit, and in direct contradiction to the Report... There was no possibility of reviving the Pres., so there is no materiality in this. Everyone knew immediatelt he was done for. Bill signalled it to the follow-up car as soon as he got onto the back of the seat.

So, it is not to say that your discovery is without significance. But I (non-lawyer that I am) do not believe it was perjury.

In your letter to Dick, why do you not ask if these fragments could be fragmentation of a fragment, the remainder going elsewhere? I've had that hunch for a while, if the fragments do not add up to an entire one (and here get out of the 6.5 bag if you are in it).I think in time I'll work this one out.

Nothing else new. DJ turned me down again on the panel materials but in another evasive letter that requires further correspondence. I'll send you a copy when I reply. I've been working some outside lately. Need the exercise and the work has to be done, so I've had littletime. With DJ, I must be careful not to make a technical error, so I must take time, not to get thrown out of court.

Best regards,